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MOVEMENT AGAINST BELLS.

A movement against church bells has been started in Baltimore and the question, should church bells be abolished, is being agitated in certain quarters.

The question has been raised in the last few days in connection with the anti-noise crusade being carried on by a committee of physicians who aim to abolish all unnecessary noises either by persuasion or by an ordinance. In the complaints that have reached Dr. William T. Watson, chairman of the anti-noise committee, the majority have reported that church bells are disturbing rest.

When the committee started out it was proposed to receive complaints and arrange them according to the nature of the noises: Already the pigeonhole for "church bells" is getting overcrowded.

The committee proposes to interview the persons causing the noise and ask that it be stopped. In this connection the committee plans to call on Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop Murray and other heads of churches in the city and ask that the bells be silenced or that the number of ringings be materially reduced.

Many years ago a well known and prominent barrister of Alexandria, whose residence was sandwiched between church edifices, published communications in the Gazette in which he suggested that the time had come to abolish the medieval custom of ringing bells in order to call people to church. He contended that in our day when clocks and watches are so common, that persons who desire to attend places of worship have no need of bells to summon them. No one, however, came to the assistance of the legal gentleman referred to by rushing into print, although many adopted all he said.

Wilson Warns Friends.

Chairman W. G. McAdoo, of the Democratic National Committee, has received the following letter from Governor Woodrow Wilson:

"My Dear Mr. McAdoo:—My attention has been called to the statement that I have become a member of the Knights of Columbus. This is, of course, not true. Have not been asked to join the order either as an active or honorary member, and am not eligible, because I am not a Catholic.

"I must warn my friends everywhere that statements of this kind are all campaign inventions. This particular statement has been circulated in selected quarters to create the impression that I am seeking to identify myself politically with the great Catholic body. In other quarters all sorts of statements are

being set afloat to prove that I am hostile to the Catholics. It is a very petty and ridiculous business.

"If all these fabrications could be brought together they would make very amusing reading. They would leave a very flat taste in the mouth, for they entirely neutralize one another and prove that I am nothing and everything. I am a normal man, following my own natural courses of thought, playing no favorites and trying to treat every creed and class with impartiality and respect."

HALLOWEEN DRAWING NEAR.

As October 31 draws near most young folks begin to think of Halloween with its many possibilities for the weird and merriest of entertainments.

It has long been the custom to crack nuts, duck for apples in a tub of water and perform other harmless beside revelries. Sometimes there are ceremonies of a more superstitious character, as, for example, efforts to discover who will be the husband or wife of the person inquiring. It is said that if the girl inquiring does not find out who she is going to marry on Halloween she will have to wait another year before making this very important discovery. Mystic mirrors play an important part in the Halloween frolics.

Many Halloween novelties are displayed in the stores. Candles in various sizes and colors, by which the maid peering into the magic mirror in a dark room just as the clock strikes 12 may catch a glimpse of her sweetheart's face were never in more demand than now. Thimbles, there are, too, from which the ladies may unravel the magic pinch of salt after walking upstairs backward and go to bed sure to dream of their future lovers.

Ice cards are of many kinds and as weird as the wildest dream. Some are made of smoked paper, so that the guest who picks them up will catch his hands before he knows it, and add to the amusement of the occasion.

Black cats, with their heads so made that candles may be placed inside and reflected in mysterious effects through eyes and mouths, are the most used for lighting effects. Papier mache jack-o'-lanterns almost as weird as the real pumpkin variety, may also be had in the shops.

There are many amusing ways in which a girl can find out her future husband's initial, name the strength of his affection, the age at which she will marry and how far distant that time is. If she wants to see the face of her future husband at the witching hour of midnight, she may take a lighted candle and a mirror and walk upstairs backward, counting the strands of her hair she must peer into a mirror, and over her left shoulder will appear the face of her fate. If a favored young man is clever with a little ingenuity, aided by rear stairs or concealment in the dark of the hall, he may help to realize fate by a reflection in the mirror.

An old fashioned way of discovering the initials of the person each contestant is to marry, is to pare the apple in one long curieue (if it breaks, it means spinster or bachelorhood), and throw it over the left shoulder. It should fall in the form of a letter, "the" letter. Another method is where three bowls placed on the table, one filled with clear water, one with muddy water, and one empty. Advancing blindfolded, those who are in doubt as to their destiny should strive to place their finger in one of these. If it encounters, perchance the first-mentioned bowls may be taken and all filled except a girl or a young man; if the second, a widow or a widower; the empty bowl denotes single blessedness. Four bowls may be taken an dall filled except one, the first of these should contain clear water, the second rose-colored water, and the third, water that has been colored blue. The blindfolded person tries again. If he puts his finger into the clear water, he will marry between the ages of 20 and 30; if in the rose-colored water between the ages of 30 and 40; if in the blue, between 40 and 50. If, however, his choice falls on the empty dish, no wife for him.

To find the name of one's future husband, saucers of water may be provided the guests, containing letters cut from newspapers or magazines. It shall then be the pleasant task of each seeker after knowledge to blow the letters into a line which forms some sort of a name. Candles are very useful in telling fortunes. Three candles taken from the refreshments table, and placed at an open window will denote the strength of a lover's affection. Name each candle for a sweetheart, and watch which will one will blow out, which will flicker, denoting fickleness, and which will burn brightly, denoting everlasting and faithful love.

Before each young woman retires on Halloween night, she should place her shoes at right angles and say: "Hoping this night my true love to see. I place my shoes in the form of a T."

NOTICE.

The Board of directors of the Chr. Heurich Brewing Co., at its meeting of Oct. 8th, 1912, declared a dividend of twelve (12) per cent on the Capital stock of the Company, payable on and after Oct. 31, 1912, at the branch office of the company corner 26th & Water streets, in the City of Washington, D. C. The books of the company for the transfer of stock will be closed from October 9, 1912 to November 1, 1912.

21-3t CHAS MEYER, Secy.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the University Club Building Co., Inc., will be held on the 18th day of November, 1912, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the principal office of the Company, in the State of Virginia, 119 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and receiving and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated the 17th day of October, 1912
MYRON M. PARKER, Pres.
G. F. SNYDER, Secy.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Safe Deposit Company, Incorporated, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 122 E. Royal street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on the 27th day of November, 1912, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

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To Double Wheat Crop.

Doubling of the wheat crop of the United States is the possibility raised by scientific discoveries made by Professor Aaronsohn, of Jerusalem, according to an announcement made at the University of Chicago recently. Professor Aaronsohn is a director of the agricultural experiment station in Palestine, an institution financed by Julius Rosenwald and Judge Julius Mack, of Chicago. The investigator who found the original wheat plant growing in Palestine, after years of search, is engaged in crossing the plant with better grades of wheat in order to produce a superior one.

The experiments, Professor Aaronsohn asserted, show that a race of wheat can be produced adapted to the semi-arid regions of Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Egypt, Turkestan and other eastern countries and to similar land in the United States. Plants grown by the experiments thrive in rocky, shallow and dry soil without cultivation.

The Pay of Teachers.

Because he acted as a waiter in a restaurant at night was advanced as a reason why A. K. Savoy should have been turned down as principal of the Burrville school, at the meeting of the Board of Education. A majority of the board itself, and Supt. Davidson took an opposite view of the matter, and the man's appointment was confirmed. This is as it should have been.

No service is really menial. The man who cleans the sewers is as necessary to civilization as the surgeon who cuts out a cancer. Somebody must clean out the sewer, or disease will be circulated.

One objection to the appointment of the school principal, it should be mentioned, was on the ground that he served drinks as well as food in the restaurant where he worked. But is even that, in the circumstances, reprehensible? The serving of drinks did not contaminate the waiter-school teacher. Drinking might have done so, but there was no evidence that Savoy was intemperate. He was merely trying to eke out a starvation wage, and industry has not yet been written on the statute books as a crime.

It is a pity that school teachers should be forced to recourse to such means to add to their incomes. Their services as teachers are quite arduous and meritorious enough to entitle them to good pay. Their wages have not kept pace with the increase that have been given to the other classes of employees. The cost of living has gone up, but the wages to teachers have stayed down. There is room here for a real reform. No men and women are more necessary to the nation than the teachers. In their hands lie the future moral standards of the United States. They should be paid wages that will do away with the necessity of seeking work of any kind outside of the classroom.



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